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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to support the lawsuit by the Center for Food Safety ( docket # 98P-1194) calling for the removal of r-BGH from the market. Although the hormone itself may be completely safe (something I am not fully convinced of), there are several possible side effects associated with its use, including the associated production of insulin growth factor-1 in cows that are treated with r-BGH, and the increased administration of antibiotics to cows treated with r-BGH. The hormone has not been subject to enough testing to assess the possible longterm effects associated with its use. I know that I myself have resorted to buying only milk products from manufacturers who attest that they do not use r-BGH. But there are many times that I, and especially my children, do not have control over what we eat. The entire European Union would like to have the choice to avoid products from cows treated with r-BGH, and the World Trade Organization is trying to remove that choice for them as well. Enough consumers, scientists, and medical associations have expressed concern over r-BGH that its use should be delayed until we have more information. Frankly, I am horrified that the Monsanto corporation's interests are being placed above the public health.

Sincerely,

  
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